



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on November 15, 2016 in the Loyalton Social Hall, in the Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Schlefstein

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, Chair, District #1
 Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #2
 Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
 Jim Beard, Supervisor, District #4
 Scott A. Schlefstein, Supervisor, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
 David Prentice, County Counsel
 Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax-Collector
 Tim Beals, Director of Planning and Transportation
 Lea Salas, Assistant Director of Health and Human Services
 Tim Standley, Sheriff-Coroner

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. CONSENT AGENDA

10.A. Resolution of appreciation to Jacie Epperson for service to the Downieville Fire Department. (CHAIR ADAMS)

10.B. Agreement for professional services with Dudek, Inc. for Environmental Studies on the Camp Wamp Conditional Use Permit for an organized camping facility for youth with physical disabilities. The project site is located off of Gold Lake Road (Sec.24, T21.N,R.12E,M.D.B.M.). (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2016-127

10.C. Amendment A03 to Agreement 2015-033 between the California Department of Public Health and Sierra County Public Health for PHEP, HPP, and Pan Flu for Fiscal Years 2014-2017. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2016-128

10.D. Agreement between Northern California EMS, Inc., Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA), Deliverables Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and County of Sierra for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2016-129

10.E. Agreement between the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and Sierra County. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2016-130

10.F. Agreement between the Department of Health Care Services and the County of Sierra for 2016-2017. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2016-131

10.G. Agreement between Children's Alliance of Kansas (CAOK), Sierra County Office of Education and Sierra County Social Services. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

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APPROVED, Agreement 2016-132

- 10.H. Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Governing Board of Nevada-Sierra Regional In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority as the employer of record to submit on behalf of the County of Sierra authorization implementing the wage increase for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Independent Providers to the State Department of Social Services. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2016-105

- 10.I. Cash Audit Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2016. (AUDITOR)
- 10.J. Treasurer's Investment Report and Statement of Liquidity for the period June 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. (AUDITOR)
- 10.K. Resolution approving appointments in lieu of election to the Sierra City Fire District. (ELECTIONS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2016-106

- 10.L. Sierra County Child Care Local Planning Council's (LPC) Certification Statement regarding composition of LPC membership. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
- 10.M. Minutes from the regular meeting held on November 1, 2016. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:02 a.m. Chair Adams opened the public comment opportunity.

Mr. Richard Featherman, Goodyears Bar commented on Jacie Epperson being a hero with the last incident in Downieville. Mr. Featherman continued to suggest stock piling wood as this is a multimillion dollar business; stock piling aluminum for free energy; and doing things with gold and doing hydraulic shows. Mr. Feather further indicated that the wife of a detective is doing illegal things.

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At 9:04 a.m. Chair Adams closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Schlefstein reported on the Community Corrections Partnership meeting held last Monday and the Lassen Plumas Sierra Community Action Agency meeting held last Thursday. Supervisor Schlefstein also reported that the Mental Health Advisor Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and the Area 4 Agency on Aging will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Director of Health and Human Services provided an update on the Social Worker Supervisor leaving, noting the agency will be filing a waiver with the state due to not having staff meeting the education requirements.

The Sheriff reported on the abduction incident, noting members of the Sheriff's office did a good job and consequently the District Attorney has a very solid case in the matter.

The Director of Planning reported that the approval of the land exchange is on the State Wildlife Conservation Board's consent agenda for their meeting tomorrow in Sacramento which will open up the opportunity to begin processing the USDA loan and grant to move forward with the Sierra Brooks Water project.

The Director continued to report on a meeting with the Forest Service last week on the west side of the County wherein they discussed the OSV/OHV issue; the tree mortality task force which will be on the Board of Supervisor's December 6, 2016 agenda to request the creation of tree mortality task force in the County; the Forest Service not processing Christmas tree permits on the west side of the County; the planning grant for a restroom and trailhead in this region; relocation of the Packsaddle trail; and the Wayman Ranch Dam project.

The Director also reported on the School Board meeting last week regarding the request to pursue the National Register and state historic status for the Sierraville School and the progress the County has made with respect to the relationship between the School District and the County affecting the operation and maintenance of the Sierraville School including working on a USDA grant for an upgrade to the kitchen.

The Director also reported that he has a meeting with the USDA regarding a grant for the Downieville Community Hall and the Truckee Donor Land Trust is planning to make a presentation to the Board in the near future regarding the Webber Lake project.

In response to public inquiry regarding the timeline from the state's approval of the land exchange to the election for the fees with respect to the Sierra Brooks Water project,

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the Director responded that once this is approved tomorrow and the deeds are recorded this will allow for the next steps of the project to proceed. He is hoping to have the project advertised by this coming winter so it is under construction in spring 2017.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quinten Youngblood provided an update on a various projects in the District. Ranger Youngblood also noted that Christmas tree permits are available at White's Station in Loyalton.

Chair Adams noted the Downieville Lions Club has 125 trees on the Downieville School yard ready for sale.

- 7.B. Discussion/action regarding letter from Steve Traverso, Sierra Buttes Snowbusters pertaining to the Tahoe National Forest Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) Proposal. (CHAIR ADAMS)

Chair Adams briefly introduced the item.

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood provided background on the Forest Service's proposed action and explained the importance of the snowmobile program on the Tahoe National Forest with respect to the sustainability of the economy and vitality to the County and businesses through this recreation opportunity during the winter. Ranger Youngblood further clarified that the proposed action is to maintain the status quo.

Ranger Youngblood continued to address the Lassen National Forest's proposed action and prohibition of approximately 45 acres in their action. Ranger Youngblood added that he wanted to reaffirm that their proposed action remains the same with the exception of the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) crossings. In terms of litigation, he is not aware of any new litigation with the Snowlands Network other than the original litigation requiring the Forest Service to perform an environmental analysis with respect to the grooming and activities associated with trail head and the Over Snow Program. Ranger Youngblood added that they are looking at February to put out the draft NEPA document

Ms. Julie Osburn, Sierra County Resident informed the Board that there is more than one objection to the Lassen National Forest's proposed action through the Sierra Access Coalition and Friends of Independence Lake who have been working together to try and stop this. Ms. Osburn explained that the Lassen Forest requires 18 inches of snow depth to snowmobile. Ms. Osburn continued to express concerns if the Lassen Forest plan is precedent setting and would apply to the Tahoe National Forest.

Ranger Youngblood explained that within their proposed action they did discuss the establishment of a minimum snow depth and their position was to not have any levels of minimum snow depth.

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In response to Ms. Osburn's inquiry as to their position on the PCT process, Ranger Youngblood explained that the Forest Service didn't have an option as this is a regulation that they have to adhere to and have those designated PCT crossings.

Chair Adams indicated that the Forest Service is giving this a somewhat liberal interpretation to make those crossings safe and they can change depending on snow conditions. The Forest Service is trying to give as much wiggle room as possible while also staying within the confines of what they are required to do.

Mr. Featherman also referred to the Lassen Forest noting he believes that mountain has more rare flowers than anywhere in the US and would suggest they go after Shasta rather than Lassen.

Ranger Youngblood clarified that they are not going after the Lassen National Forest template. Lassen put their draft NEPA document out and received two objections to it, so is there something both from the public side and an entity that has placed forward an objection that perhaps they missed that they can add to their NEPA document to make it more robust.

Discussion ensued regarding federal fees which are returned to the counties through the Secured Rural Schools Act and concerns regarding the requirement to have the "best available technology" for any snowmobile on Gold Lake Highway.

Supervisor Huebner referred to a rumor that he is in favor of opening up the Gold Lake Highway to the public, noting this is not true as we have one of the largest snowmobile dealers in Northern California in Sierra City and this is a huge benefit to the economy.

Following brief discussion, the Director of Public Works reminded the Board about their letter commenting on both the Tahoe and Plumas National Forests which gives the Board standing to appeal the final plan. The Director also expressed concerns with the PCT crossing, noting there is no way to identify where the trail is when there is 20 feet of snow on the ground and to suggest there needs to be focused crossing points for the PCT flies in the face of common sense. The Director continued to note that someone needs to get behind common sense change to the original legislation that set up the PCT and the management plan as this kind of activity wasn't occurring when the PCT was identified and managed.

The Director continued to express concerns with groups who are picking at this because we are vulnerable due to having small numbers and are using the NEPA process as a weapon rather than a process to negotiate and come up with a common sense settlement of position.

This item was continued to the December 6, 2016 Board meeting in Downieville.

6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - Van Maddox

- 6.A. Resolution pertaining to duties of the Risk Management Committee and authorizing the Risk Manager to settle small claims.

The Auditor introduced the item noting the County receives a number of claims where the dollar amount is very small and the Department is claiming fault, however it still takes two months to get the claim through committee process. The proposed resolution gives the Risk Manager the ability to approve claims up to \$1,000 and also increases the limit for the Committee up to \$25,000.

Supervisor Huebner indicated that the Risk Committee requested the Risk Manager to add this request to the agenda and he believes it is appropriate.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution pertaining to duties of the Risk Management Committee and authorizing the Risk Manager to settle small claims.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2016-107. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 7.A. Resolution setting the pay of the Assistant Director of Health and Human Services while performing additional duties. (CHAIR ADAMS)

Following a brief introduction by Chair Adams, the Board moved to adopt the resolution setting the pay of the Assistant Director of Health and Human Services while performing additional duties.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2016-108. Motion: Huebner/Schlefstein/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 7.C. Discussion/direction regarding fire protection agreements between Sierra County Service Area 5 and the City of Loyalton. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Chair Adams introduced the item noting there are a number of areas in Sierra County without a fire district including Verdi and County Counsel has some concerns over the contracts between County Service Area 5 and the City of Loyalton for fire protection services.

County Counsel expressed concerns with the agreements including the age of the agreements, the perpetual terms of the agreements, and the insurance requirements.

Supervisor Schlefstein indicated that he spoke to Supervisor Huebner and County Counsel regarding this issue and suggested creating an ad hoc committee to review the agreements.

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Following brief discussion and by consensus, Chair Adams created an ad hoc committee consisting of Supervisors Huebner and Schlefstein to review the fire protection agreements between Sierra County Service Area 5 and the City of Loyalton and to also review fire services throughout the County.

7.D. Appointments to the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint James Griffin to the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors.

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7.E. Appointments to the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint David Goicoechea and John Roen to the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District.

APPROVED. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Schlefstein ABSTAINED)

8. CLERK-RECORDER/ELECTIONS - Heather Foster

8.A. Appointments to the Sierra Valley Hospital District.

Following a brief introduction by the Clerk, the Board moved to appoint Nichole Johnson to the Sierra Valley Hospital District to serve a four year term.

APPROVED. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

The Board moved to appoint Bill Nunes to the Sierra Valley Hospital District to serve a four year term.

APPROVED. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

The Board moved to appoint William Copren to the Sierra Valley Hospital District to serve a two year term.

APPROVED. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Schlefstein NO)

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9. CLOSED SESSION

9.A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) - anticipated litigation - 1 case.

The Board met in closed session from 10:20 a.m. to 10:24 a.m. County Counsel reported that there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURN

At 10:25 a.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD